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Dr. W. H. Collie  
509 Third Street  
West Palm Beach, Florida

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Dear Dr. Collie:

This will acknowledge your telegram of February 28, regarding the proposed junior college for Negroes in Palm Beach County.

Approval of that junior college is based upon the request of the Palm Beach County School Board. The amount of money available from the State of Florida for constructing buildings at this new institution is based upon a formula which is applied equally to all new junior colleges. It amounts to \$2,200 per student, and the State Department of Education informs me that this will take care of the immediate needs during this biennium. It is to be expected that successful junior colleges will receive additional building funds as they grow and develop.

The money is not available to Palm Beach County for any other purpose than to build facilities at Roosevelt Junior College. The law is very specific in this matter. This money may not be used at Palm Beach Junior College, or at a high school or for any other purpose than the Roosevelt Junior College.

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With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

Governor

LC/pml

bc: Dr. James L. Wattenbarger



THOMAS D. BAILEY  
SUPERINTENDENT

STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

TALLAHASSEE

April 8, 1958

Dr. Warren H. Collie, President  
The Negro Intercivic League of Palm  
Beach County  
501 Third Street  
West Palm Beach, Florida

Dear Dr. Collie:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the petition from the Negro Intercivic League of Palm Beach County. We regret very much to learn of the apparent misunderstanding which is present among the Negro citizens in Palm Beach County.

Roosevelt Junior College is a legally established college approved by the State Board of Education upon request by the Palm Beach County Board of Public Instruction. The college is designed to provide educational opportunities at the post high school level for many youth and adults who would not otherwise have such opportunities.

The State Department of Education stands ready to be of service in helping this to develop into a successful and useful college. The early success of Gibbs Junior College in Pinellas County and the interest shown by Negro citizens in other parts of Florida clearly show that there is a need for this level of education, not only in Palm Beach County but in other parts of the state. We feel sure that the Roosevelt Junior College will perform a necessary and valuable service in Palm Beach County.

Very truly yours,

Thomas D. Bailey  
State Superintendent

TDB:cc

## R E S O L U T I O N

Whereas, the Constitution of the United States of America was created to protect the liberty and justice of the citizens thereof:

Whereas, all men are equal before God and the Law:

Whereas, this Country has fought three recent wars to uphold the dignity of the individual and to insure justice and equality of all men:

Whereas, many Americans, white and black alike have died to maintain these principles:

Whereas, Christian percepts of brotherhood and Democratic principles of government are contrary to Racial prejudice and Segregation of man on the basis of biological appearance of Racial Heritage:

Whereas, segregation of students on Racial grounds deprives them of equal education and caste the segregated in a role of inferiority:

Whereas, the Supreme Law of the Land holds that to Segregate a student on a basis of Race is to deny him his constitutional rights:

Whereas, the establishment of a junior college for Negroes would violate the principles of Christianity, the Constitution of the United States, and expose students attending, to an inferior education:

Whereas, there is already available a public junior college in Palm Beach County and whereas it would be foolhardy to establish another in order to circumvent the Law, flout the Constitution and to maintain segregation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That we the undersigned Negro citizens and organization DO HEREBY CONDEMN the Negro Advisory Committee as traitors to the Negro and to the cause of Democracy and Education, Protest the establishment of a junior college for Negroes in Palm Beach County, Florida, REQUEST the Board of Education of the State of Florida and the Board of Public Instruction of Palm Beach County, Florida to rescind their improvident action in approving and proposing such a college for Negroes, and DEMAND immediate admittance of Negro students to the existing junior college located in John Prince Park, Palm Beach County.

s/s Dr. W. H. Collie  
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President





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**LEROY COLLINS**  
GOVERNOR

April 3, 1958

Mrs. F. M. Walker  
Corresponding Secretary  
Florida Council on Human Relations  
Palm Beach County Chapter  
918 - 45th Street  
West Palm Beach, Florida

Dear Mrs. Walker:

This will acknowledge your resolution of March 25, regarding the proposed junior college for Negroes in Palm Beach County.

Approval of that junior college is based upon the request of the Palm Beach County School Board. The amount of money available from the State of Florida for constructing buildings at this new institution is based upon a formula which is applied equally to all new junior colleges. It amounts to \$2,200 per student, and the State Department of Education informs me that this will take care of the immediate needs during this biennium. It is to be expected that successful junior colleges will receive additional building funds as they grow and develop.

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April 7, 1958

Mrs. F. M. Walker  
Corresponding Secretary  
Florida Council on Human Relations  
918 45th Street  
West Palm Beach, Florida

Dear Mrs. Walker:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the resolution from the Palm Beach Chapter of the Florida Council of Human Relations dated March 25, 1958.

Roosevelt Junior College was legally organized under Florida laws and approved by the State Board of Education at the request of the Palm Beach Board of Public Instruction. We feel that it will offer opportunities to many young people and adults who would otherwise not have such opportunities.

We regret to learn that there has apparently been some misunderstanding concerning the establishment of this junior college. As a part of the public school system of Palm Beach County, this junior college will operate to serve in the area of post high school education. This opportunity is very much needed.

Very truly yours,

Thomas D. Bailey, State  
Superintendent of Instruction

TDB:cc





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# STATE OF FLORIDA

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TALLAHASSEE

March 20, 1958

Mr. Edward J. White, President  
The Vanguard, Inc.  
Business & Professional Men's Club  
West Palm Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. White:

This will acknowledge your resolution of February 22, regarding the proposed junior college for Negroes in Palm Beach County.

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March 13, 1958

Mr. C. G. Dyson  
332 Rosemary Avenue  
West Palm Beach, Florida

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